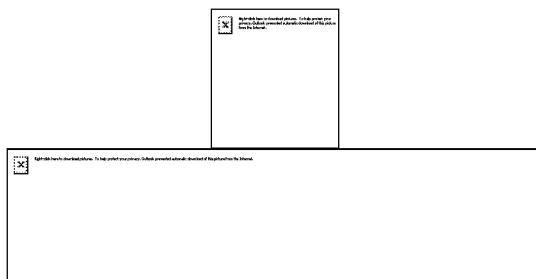


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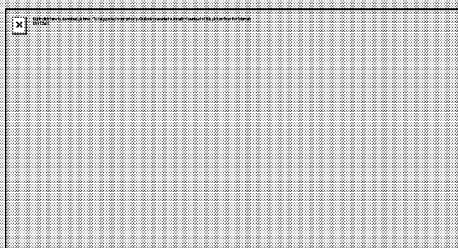


## Urgent Message

### House Budget - Deep Environmental Budget Cuts

The House Ways and Means FY 2012 budget, released this week, recommends deep cuts in our environmental agencies even worse than recommended by the Patrick Administration in House 1. These cuts threaten to have a long lasting impact on our agencies' abilities to fulfill their basic role, **protecting the environment and public health of the citizens of the Commonwealth**.

MOSES filed a number of amendments today that will be debated the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> in an attempt to restore some of the cuts. Over the last four years, the environment has seen disproportionate cuts throughout the budget process. DEP and DCR have been cut by about 30% since FY 2008 ! **We must make ourselves heard or these cuts will remain in the House budget.** See the table below:



We will need your help in the coming days and weeks ahead. What can you do to help ?

1. You can make yourself heard at an Earth Day lobby event at the State House on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Educational Fair**

**12:30 pm- Lobby Training**

**1:00 pm- Lobby Visits**

**Grand Staircase, State House, Boston**

Cosponsored by: Environmental League of Massachusetts, Mass Audubon, Massachusetts League of Environmental Voters, Sierra Club, and many more!

2. Attend a lunch and speaking event with Treasurer Steve Grossman titled "Green: It's Not Just The Color of Money" He will discuss his role in shaping sustainability efforts in the Commonwealth. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided.

**Tuesday, April 26**

**12:00- 1:30 pm**

**Suffolk University**

**73 Tremont St, Boston, 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

**RSVP by April 20th.**

Cosponsored by: Mass League of Environmental Voters, MassINC and Suffolk University Sustainability

3. Call or email your State Representative and urge them to vote for the amendments to restore the cuts back to the environmental agencies. **Once we have the entire list of environmental amendments and amendment numbers we will get that information to you.**

**Please stay tuned, as this is the first informational email that will be sent to keep the membership informed on budget concerns as it relates to MOSES-represented agencies. We will need all of the membership to get involved !**

**Joe**

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